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New Police Training School

The Telegraph learns that work will start shortly on the construction of a new Police Training School at Shouson Hill, Aberdeen. It is expected to be completed and ready for use by the end of May. The new buildings will replace the present Training School at Waterloo Road, and will consist of five temporary wood buildings designed to accommodate 240 trainees in all ranks. The new site will also provide a larger ground area for training. It is estimated that the new school will be able to accept 40 more prospective police constables than can now be accommodated in Kowloon.

Guards Stoke Up Palace Fires

London, Mar. 16. — The Strike Committee of the stokers, whose stoppage of work has deprived the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and Government departments of central heating and hot water, will tomorrow consider proposals which may result in an early end to the strike. The proposals have been submitted in the recommendations from the Ministry of Works district joint industrial council. The men are demanding 22/- per week increase in their wages, which at present average about £4.0.0. Bolders at Buckingham Palace were stoked by men of the famous brigade of Guards late this afternoon when the kitchen staff refused to perform the stokers' duties. It had not yet been decided whether to send Guardsmen to revive the central heating and hot water services at the other buildings affected.

"NO OBJECTION"

A spokesman of the Strike Committee said the bolder men had no objection to the Guardsmen heating the Palace for the King and Queen, but "we do not want to leave the bolder in good condition for us when we resume work." The Palace was without hot water, central heating and lift service all day yesterday and most of today. The strike also affected Marlborough House, the residence of Queen Mary, the Queen Mother, and Kensington Palace, the temporary town residence of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. —Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Don't Waste Water!

WHEN the Jubilee Reservoir was opened in 1935 the opinion was expressed that Hongkong had solved its perennial water shortage problem. But unforeseen circumstances, such as the overwhelming influx of refugees between 1938 and 1941 had not been taken into consideration, and the Colony found that restrictions in varying degrees of severity remained an annual inconvenience. The danger point in water storage has been reached again and the authorities have found it necessary, as from tomorrow, to impose restrictions that will make it possible for water to be drawn from the mains only nine and a half hours a day. This is a sudden and startling cut which, the public will feel inclined to believe, might have been avoided if Government had shown a little more foresight. Admittedly the water supply has been restricted to 16 hours a day for the last two months, which can be regarded as a tentative effort to conserve the reservoirs; but aware of the big increase in water consumption, and knowing that the Colony could expect very little rainfall during the winter months, the present serious position might have been avoided if restrictions had been imposed at the end of November last, and gradually extended. The latest restrictions, from the point of view of inconvenience, come at the worst possible time — with the growing winter weather and the coincidentally increasing demands for bathing and washing facilities. Night time restrictions of water

supply from November to March are tolerable, and had these been imposed towards the end of last year it is conceivable a sufficient amount of water would have been saved to have allowed the Colony to continue on until the start of the rainy season. Undoubtedly a contributing factor to the present serious shortage of stored water has been the below average rainfall since the beginning of the year, and whether or not the authorities might have intelligently anticipated the existing position and catered for it, the fact remains that the community is again saddled with the responsibility for seeing that everything is done to avoid water waste. Government has already intimated that the duty is to see that taps do not leak or that any other defects remain unreported; it might also be suggested that the city streets be washed down with water from the harbour and that any fires within reaching distance of the reservoirs be fought with water pumped from the harbour. These may only be insignificant contributions to the conservation of our water supply, but an official announcement that it was proposed to adopt such measures would help to bring home to the public the seriousness of the situation and to encourage them to practise frugality in the use of water in their own homes. It is reasonable to expect that we shall enjoy the customary seasonal rains this year; nevertheless, if they come late, the water shortage will be gravely aggravated, with the possibility of supplies being cut to six hours a day. It therefore behoves everyone to adopt every precaution against wasting water.

U.S. Nervously Awaits Truman's Special Message

WASHINGTON SPECULATES

Washington, Mar. 16. — This nervous capital speculated today that President Truman might ask for new emergency powers or funds to check the Communist expansion across Europe when he addresses a joint session of Congress tomorrow (Wednesday).

The capital was startled by the unexpected White House announcement of the personal presidential appearance before Congress—at 12.30 p.m. EST on Wednesday.

Reports that President Truman might ask Congress to revive conscription were accompanied by rumours that the Soviet Union had renounced military alliances with Norway, Sweden and Denmark. None was confirmed although they circulated among responsible members of Congress. The State Department said it had not heard of any Russian demands on Scandinavia. House Speaker Joseph Martin, Massachusetts Republican, one of four Congressional leaders summoned to meet with the President before his address, blamed "the constant advance of the iron curtain across Europe" for what he described as the "grave crisis".

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MUST BE STRONG

(1) The United States must be militarily strong if she intends to pursue a vigorous policy. (2) A strong United States should make it clear to Stalin that any Communist successes are no longer possible.

(3) The United States apparently cannot hope to check Communism further with so-called halfway or cheap measures.

(4) Western Europeans must have confidence that the United States will back the \$17,000,000,000 recovery investment with force if necessary.

There is considerable support in government circles for the idea that if the United States takes a firm

position the Russians will order their representatives to ease the pressure in Western Europe, notably Italy and France.—United Press.

GRAVE CRISIS WARNING

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LEADERS' PREVIEW

The President cancelled a number of appointments today to work on his speech and called Congressional leaders of both parties to a White House conference on Wednesday morning—presumably to give them a preview of it.

The time set for this conference was an hour and a half before the scheduled address.

TWO GRAVE QUESTIONS

And in the House, Representative E. Cox, Georgia Democrat, said he hoped Mr Truman will tell Congress that "one more act of aggression by Russia means war."

Congressional leaders hope the President will answer two grave questions of the hour:

1—Just what phase of the conflict with Russia and the West has led him to say that his confidence in world peace is somewhat shaken and Secretary George Marshall to declare that a "world crisis" exists?

2—Just what does Mr Truman want the United States to do about it?

They look for a statement on US policy toward Italy, the current no man's land between Communism and Western Democracy, in particular.—Associated Press.

LONDON COMMENT

London, Mar. 16. — Diplomats and newspaper forecast tonight that President Harry Truman would give Russia a plain and positive warning tomorrow to halt Communist expansion.

Belief was general that the chief executive would extend the policy of combatting the spread of Communist influence and that the extension would go beyond the present limits of economic aid for shaky democracies.

Diplomats said Mr Truman must have been influenced by the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia, Russian demands on Finland, and the intensive Communist campaign in the Italian elections.

The London Times said in an editorial: "The extreme proposal which is being discussed in Washington is whether the United States should enter a regional security pact with Britain, France and the Benelux countries similar to that already applied to the Americans."

The Liberal London Evening Star said "Truman might offer a 50-year US military alliance with the five Western European nations. Since the Czechoslovakian coup, British newspapers have been contending that US economic aid, to be effective, should be strengthened with military guarantees.—Associated Press.

Due Here Today



The Earl of Listowel, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, who is due to arrive on an official visit to Hongkong this afternoon. He will remain a little more than a week.

House Of Commons In An Uproar

London, Mar. 16. — The House of Commons was in an uproar tonight with 500 Members cheering and counter-cheering until the noise was almost deafening. The tension arose from the Government's decision to abolish separate University representation in Parliament.

The Opposition strongly objected to this 300-year-old tradition being broken and repeated previous charges of Government bad faith, asserting that the Labour Party had agreed to allow the University representation at a wartime all-party conference.

It's Shameful Neglect To Have A Leaking Tap

SAVE WATER BOLLAERT'S ESCAPE

Paris, Mar. 16. — M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, had a narrow escape when a grenade exploded 15 yards away from him while he was visiting Nha Trang, Annam, on March 11, the French news agency reported from Saigon tonight.

Another grenade which did not explode was found near a car belonging to a French official.

The French agency report said that on the night of March 11, a third bomb, of Japanese make, weighing about 30 pounds, was discovered in the Pasture Institute, where the visit of M. Bollaert to the buildings, but the fuse failed to work.—Reuter.

Retailers Offer To Bear Loss

London, Mar. 16. — British retail distributors today answered the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps' plan for reduced prices and profits with an offer to bear the £30,000,000 cost of a 50 per cent cut of the Government's purchase tax.

The efforts of manufacturers and distributors alone cannot make any substantial impression on the prices of the wide range of goods carrying the purchase tax so long as a tax at high rates continues to be chargeable, the retailers told the Chancellor.

The £30,000,000 loss, which the retailers offered to bear, would result from the fact that stocks on which they have already paid the full tax would have to be marked down to the new levels. The retailers insisted that control of salaries and wages must go hand in hand with the control of prices and profits.—Reuter.

PLEA FOR SPAIN'S INCLUSION IN MARSHALL PLAN

Paris, Mar. 16. — The second plenary session of the 16-nations Marshall Plan Conference was asked by the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Dr Caetano da Mata, today to include Spain in the European recovery programme.

Saying it was necessary to constitute a solid bloc to ensure Western European recovery, the Portuguese Foreign Minister declared: "In the west of Europe exists a people of 28,000,000 in a key position on the Mediterranean and the Atlantic and holding valuable and strategic sea and air positions. It is not easy to see how Spain can be left out of the task of European reconstruction."

Informed quarters here believed Portugal would not propose a resolution calling for the admission of Spain into the Marshall Plan, thus avoiding the necessity of other delegations publicly adopting an attitude for or against Spain's participation.

The Conference agreed that the Western Zones of Germany should be represented at the Conference. Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, submitting a six-point proposal embodying this invitation, told the Conference: "Since the economic unity of Germany has not been established, it is natural that the Western Zones should be considered as an economic area separately."

MUST GET DOWN TO WORK
At the second plenary session of the Conference ended this afternoon, after rapidly dealing with the reports of technical committees, Mr Bevin declared: "We go back to our countries to get down energetically to work. The work against poverty will be won."

The resolution on Germany proposed by Mr Bevin said that the full co-operation of Germany in the work of the continuing organisation was essential to European economic recovery.

The combined (United States and British) Zone and the French Zone should each be regarded as an independent participating area and each should be a signatory of the proposed multilateral agreement and participate fully in the activities of the continuing organisation. Agreements relating to the recovery programme would be signed in respect of each area by the occupation authorities in that area.

The Conference also adopted today a proposal that a "working party" of representatives of all the participating powers be immediately set up and instructed to prepare a detailed draft for submission to the next meeting of the Co-operation Committee, regarding the aims, functions and organisation of the proposed body.

NO PUBLICITY

"The Committee of European Economic Co-operation, in defining the task of the working party, instructs it to give no publicity to its proceedings and calls attention to the members of the working party to preserve such discretion as is indispensable to the effective outcome of its labours," the terms of reference stated.

Earlier in today's session, heads of delegations promised their countries' co-operation in the reconstruction tasks ahead. Switzerland's co-operation "to the limit of its modest means" was promised by M. Karl Burckhardt, the Swiss delegate.

Dr Carl Gruber, the Austrian Foreign Minister, told the delegates that "Austria, absolutely determined to defend her true democracy, will work together with you."

A FRESH START
Mr Sean MacBride, the Eireann Foreign Minister, said a fresh start would have to be made on European recovery, which would have to be treated on the same basis as a military emergency.

Greece's Foreign Minister, M. Constantinos Tsaldaris, said one of

the conditions of European recovery laid down in the Paris report last September was that the European nations should be self-supporting by 1951.

In the present circumstances, this seemed increasingly uncertain.

The Turkish delegate, Mr Necmettin Sadak, said the reports of the technical committee had not yet been studied by the Turkish Government and their acceptance did not automatically mean an endorsement by the Turkish Government. —Reuter.

EXPERTS TO MEET

Paris, Mar. 16. — The committee of experts—the "working party"—set up by the 16-nation Marshall Plan Conference to draw up a constitution for a permanent body to carry out the European end of the plan is expected to hold its first meeting on Thursday, presided over by M. Robert Marjolin.

M. Marjolin was France's representative on the Anglo-French mission which recently visited the chief capitals of Western Europe and gathered the information on which the self-aid report adopted today was largely based.

With the admission of Western Germany agreed upon, representatives of the Commanders in Chief of the Anglo-American Bzons are expected to arrive in Paris tomorrow. General Joseph Koenig, the commander of the French Zone, is already in Paris.

GERMAN ADVISERS

A few German technical advisers will be attached to the staffs of the Zone commanders' representatives and may be asked to sit in on some of the meetings of the working committee.

Conference officials agreed this would answer the need for bringing expert advice into play without offending any Allied susceptibilities. The presence of a team of United States experts headed by a high State Department official in Paris to give counsel to the technicians of the Conference was disclosed this afternoon by a United States Embassy official.

The team is headed by Mr Henry Labrousse, special assistant to the Director of the Office of Economic Affairs in the American State Department.—Reuter.

Consul Falls To His Death

Saigon, Mar. 16. — Mr Norman Sands, the British Consul at Saigon, seized by a fit of dizziness, fell to his death from a balcony behind the Hongkong Bank building here today.

A statement issued by the British Consulate here said that Mr Sands fell about 30 feet to the ground and was killed instantly.

Mr Sands arrived recently at Saigon with his wife and two young children from South America. He will be buried tomorrow.—Reuter.

France Expects To Be Self-Sufficient In Bread This Year

Paris, Mar. 16. — Premier Robert Schuman announced on Tuesday that France will be self-sufficient in bread if the promise of this year's wheat harvest is made good.

The Premier added during a news conference that the bread ration for Frenchmen would at that time be increased from the present eight ounces daily.

M. Schuman was commenting on a report of France's accomplishments since the end of the first Marshall Plan Conference last September. The report was presented to the delegates of the 16 nations on Tuesday, he said.

"We are without apprehension for the first six months of this year," he declared. "If Marshall Plan aid

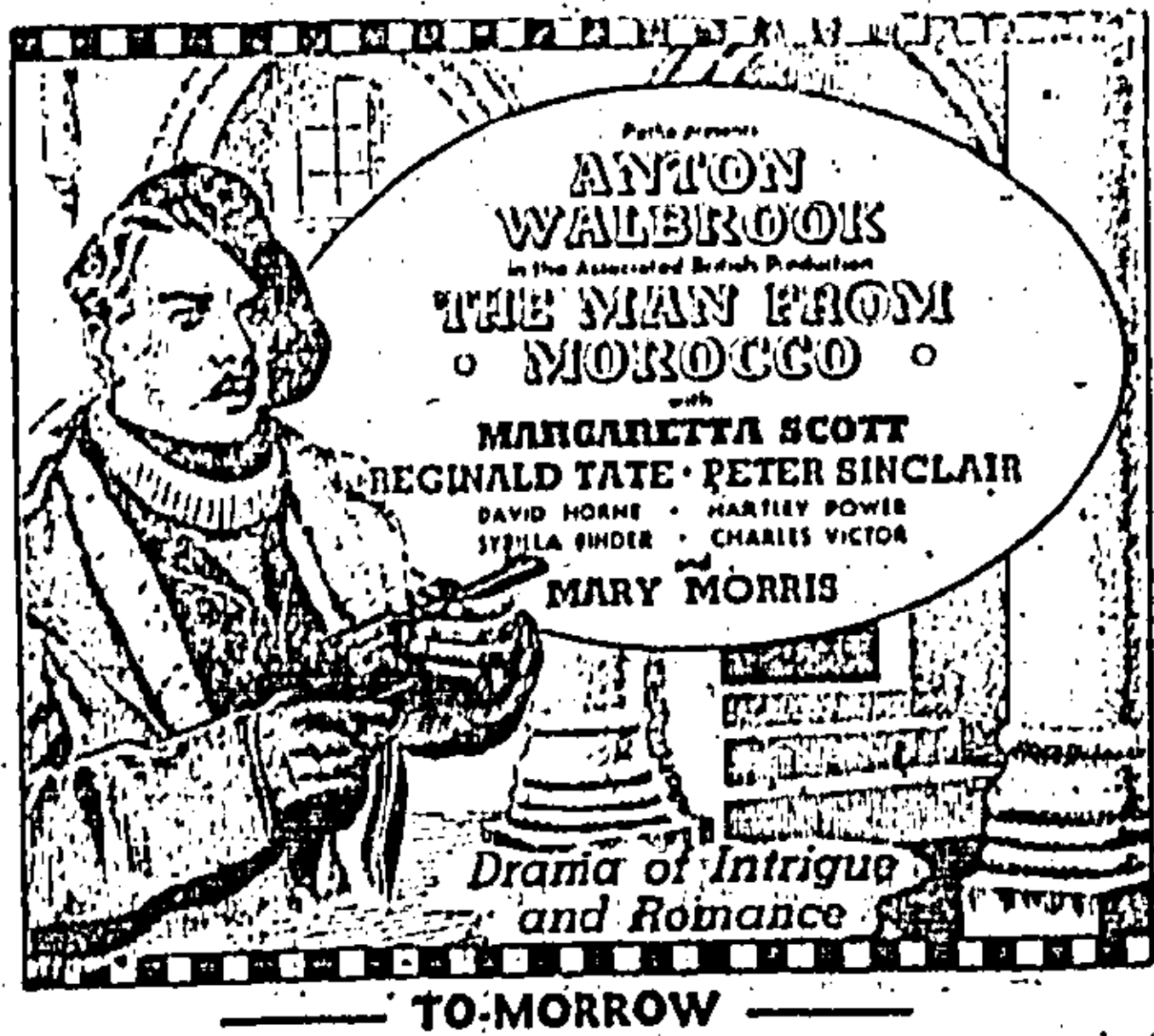
reaches us in April or early May there will be no interruption in our slow but steady recovery. With this aid from abroad we will win the battle."

M. Schuman enumerated his Government's efforts to negotiate import agreements with Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Great Britain and added "what we are doing is not aggressive. At the same time in every case where it is in our power, we are striving to enlarge our accords with the countries in Eastern Europe."

The Premier said that the Marshall Plan for France's reconstruction and re-equipment, however, had to be revised downwards "temporarily" in February and March to permit imports of essential food supplies because of last year's bad harvest. Agricultural production, he said, would be at 91 percent of normal this year. Industrial production is at 105 percent of 1938. The budget has been balanced except for the cost of reconstruction and requirement which was being financed by an extraordinary loan.

Food prices, which have a direct influence on the workingman's attitude toward the Government, he said, have started downwards after rising in January and February. Although it is the worst period of the year for supply of vegetables "concrete generalised price decreases have resulted. There has been a reversal of the trend," he said.—Associated Press.

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"Listen! Spring is in the air, the birds are singing, the air is like wine and I do not wish to discuss politics."

THE NEXT MRS PRESIDENT?

AROUND the corner from the White House in Washington, in an old three-story house, sits a grey-haired 59-year-old woman whom all America knows as Martha Wheaton Bowers Taft—"Lady in Waiting."

She hopes one day to move round that corner to occupy the room in the White House in which Abraham Lincoln once slept, and which today is in the possession of President and Mrs. Harry Truman.

Martha Taft is the wife of Robert Alphonso Taft, a studious and pontifical Republican Senator from Ohio. The Senator, son of former President William Howard Taft, is trying this year to become America's second President Taft. With his wife's help, he may succeed.

They Laughed

EVEN his friends laughed when lawyer Robert Taft ran in the Senatorial Campaign of 1938. But with Martha stage-managing his public appearances, supplying the wit, emotion and epigrams his own speeches lack, Taft carried 79 of the 88 Ohio counties. Today the pair are using the same tactics for a bigger campaign.

Martha edits all her husband's speeches, but never permits him to see hers. The team is known in its political tours as "Taft and Taft."

I met the plump and stocky Mrs. Taft at her home. She was late for our appointment and walked in carrying a bag of groceries.

Breathless, and still wearing her hat, Mrs. Taft sat down. She spoke with the campaign gestures and toast-mistress style for which she is famous. Often she bounced towards the edge of her seat in her enthusiasm.

'My Only Chance'

"THERE'S nothing wrong with my ambition to get my husband into the White House," she said. "I always knew he could do it. I've been campaigning for so long for other women's husbands while waiting for this year's chance. It would be strange if I didn't do it for him. Besides, the 1948 elections will be my only chance to become First Lady. My husband will be too old in 1952—63."

"Yes, the Senator and I no disagree sometimes. But if I keep on at him I usually win him over."

Mrs. Taft noticed my look of surprise. She added hastily,

At 59, America's Martha Taft is blazing a trail to the White House for her studious husband . . . and she says "I know he can do it"

"It's his ambition, too. He wants to get to the White House for me. I am a help, of course, and he likes to say so."

"My sons? Well, one is a lawyer, another a reporter. A third is a teacher and the fourth still at college. I see them a great deal (my six grandchildren, too), but none of them is entering politics—yet."

Mrs. Taft has been vehement in her attacks on the Roosevelt and Truman administrations—the epigram "Delirium Tru-mans" was coined by her. I asked what she thought of these Presidents' wives. Her face hardened.

"I'd rather not say," she snapped.

"But I'll tell you one thing. I don't know a woman who would make a good President."

"People call my husband a liberal. He is not. He is a staunch middle-of-the-roader and I'm right behind him for him to lean on. Our politics are like his golf. He doesn't drive far but he stays in the course. And we both believe in America First."

Europe: All Wrong

"If we were in the White House today," she continued, "we could get people to save food. I would go out and tell them how."

"In Europe everything is wrong. My husband never wants Britain to have that loan. We wanted Congress to give you money—less than you got, of course, then appoint American officials to supervise the spending."

I reminded her that Hollywood is trying to get its films classed as "incentive goods" for inclusion in the Marshall Plan, and asked: "Is it wise for Britain to spend vast sums on Hollywood pictures instead of food?"

There was a long pause. Then Mrs. Taft said: "I cannot answer that. I don't want to offend Hollywood."

"My husband and I feel that since the war Britain and the rest have been sitting and waiting for a handout. America

smacks on street corners, court-house steps, station platforms and the backs of lorries.

"Do you want me to tell you

about my husband," she asks—and does. It gets a good reception. Or she tells a group of miners: "Of course, my husband has not had a humble beginning. He had a first-class education. Isn't that what you prefer?"

Mrs. Taft has been in public life for 30 years. Before America's entry into World War II, she appeared at gatherings for the cause of America's "neutrality." "After all," Martha told me, "Mr. Churchill said he only wanted the tools to finish the job." At one meeting where she spoke, the names of Anthony Eden and Lord Halifax were booed for several seconds, while that of Charles Lindbergh was cheered. I asked Mrs. Taft about this.

"My husband and I thought that Germany would not invade America or vice versa," she said. "And we thought Japan would never attack us. We were wrong. But I still believe—naturally my husband does too—that the Nuremberg trials are unjust and that the Nazi leaders should have been banished like Napoleon was, to some island."

He Listens

TODAY Martha is the brightest star in the Taft family. But Mrs. Taft was quick to explain to me that she and her husband are "not wealthy."

"Mr. Senator Taft is nominated by the Republicans his wife is prepared to talk her way 'clear across the United States' to get him elected. I want to make him President and I know how, too," she said. "I won't talk about issues. I'll talk about Taft."

"The present President is an agreeable man enough," she observed as we walked out to her car. "But unfortunately he is 'one of the boys.' My husband isn't. He listens to me."

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

REMARKING that the lower animals are in some sense our cousins, and that we must treat them accordingly, a correspondent, added, "This includes the whole animal creation."

Remind me to tell you one day how I stung my cousin the hornet.

Ekchulali

DURING the remainder of his conversation with the Persians Mr. Colin Velvete was considerably handicapped by constant attempts to avoid the word "actually," which, pronounced in his odd fashion, reminded the Trio of a homely word of their own. Mr. Velvete's task

was made more difficult by the fact that this word constitutes a large proportion of his vocabulary. There were no accidents until Ashura said, "What is this daycor, please?" "Ekchulali," began the eminent calligrapher, but the rest was lost in a tumult of laughter. The rhythmicologist winced. The Persians repeated the word to each other with increasing delight. When Velvete said, "Today's conference is over," a concerted howl of "Ekchulali!" completed the sentence.

In passing

A WRITER was boasting the other day that whatever one may say against this age, it is a frankly outspoken one, and calls a spade a spade. It does nothing of the sort. It calls the murder of the healthy "elimination," or "liquidation," and

the murder of the sick "euthanasia." It attempted to do too low "companionate marriage," until the phrase was laughed out of existence; it calls industrial conscription "direction of labour"; it calls food "diet" or "nutrition"; it calls human beings "units" or "personnel"; it is trying very hard to call Communism the "new democracy." Anybody can think of a hundred other examples.

Financial notes

IT is surprising that not one of the financial writers appears to have noticed the real cause of the appalling dullness of the stock markets. The marked fall of shorts, and medium-dated irredeemable compensation securities may be partly responsible, as may the action of the clearing houses in withholding nominal issues. But the real cause is to be found in the manifest absurdity of the whole thing.

EMPIRE NEWS:

THE LOST MEN OF ATLANTIS

WELLINGTON (N.Z.).—Twenty-six members of the crew of the British emigrant liner Atlantis were reported missing and presumed to be illegal immigrants as she was about to sail for Tilbury.

Her agents, forced to delay the ship's sailing until a full crew was recruited, said: "The position is chaotic."

"Ship jumpers" who take a fancy to the country get one month's jail when they are caught, and then they become New Zealand citizens. They cannot be deported, although they are in the country illegally."

More than 400 British seamen have deserted their ships in New Zealand during the past year, and the illegal immigrant rate is increasing.

CAPE TOWN.—Handsome, screen-struck Loao Bonaventura Fernandez, 20-year-old Portuguese East African, is being deported home from the U.S. for the fourth time.

Fernandez, trying to reach Hollywood to become a film star, has stowed away four times and travelled 14,800 miles, but has got no nearer to his ambition than a sight of New York from Ellis Island, where he is now held.

MELBOURNE.—Australia has not over scratched the surface of her food output potential. Sir Henry Turner, leader of the British Food Mission's meat section, told a producers' conference. He gave meat farmers a jolt by saying that Britain, one-third the size of Australia, is producing as much meat.

PERTH (W. Australia).—The Western Australian Labour Party has decided to ask the Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, to appoint a royal commission to inquire into price fixing and controls by the Federal Prices Commission, "in which the public have little confidence."

PORT DARWIN.—The first sitting of the first Parliament of the Northern Territory, the "Cinderella Land" which hopes to become Australia's seventh State, has been filmed in colour.

OTTAWA.—At the personal request of the King the Canadian Government has agreed that his Majesty shall retain his authority over the appointment of Canada's ambassadors and Ministers to foreign countries, despite recent changes in the status and powers of the Governor-General, Lord Alexander.

PRETORIA.—South Africa completed occupation of the twin islands of Marion and Prince Edward, 1,400 miles southeast of Cape Town, when a frigate landed Alan Crawford, meteorologist, and six fishermen-handymen.

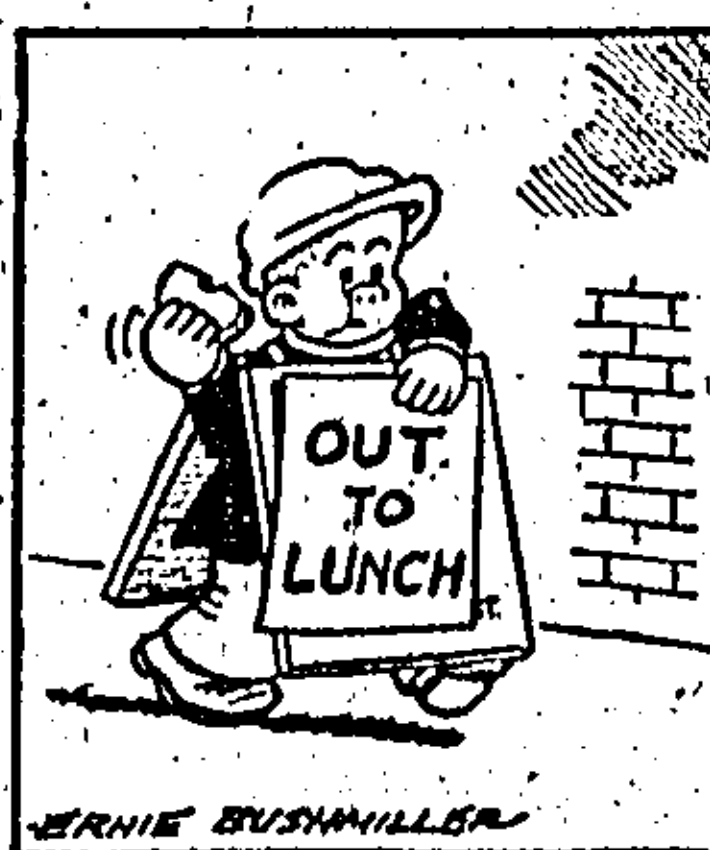
MONTREAL.—Canada's first month of austerity "almost like Britain's" saved £12,500,000 in U.S. dollars. And the savings, said Finance Department officials, "are running higher than we thought possible."

CAPE TOWN.—Opening a tin of Californian asparagus, Mrs. Emma Truter, Negro housewife, found part of an engagement ring with a blue-white diamond worth £500.

Sitting On The Fence

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a hold-up in dispatch from London, Nat Gubbins' "Sitting On The Fence" is not available for publication today. It is hoped to resume this popular "Telegraph" Wednesday feature next week.

NANCY On His Own Time



By Ernie Bushmiller



Women's Beauty Arts

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You can make your hair beautiful

SICK HAIR

An abnormal falling of hair occurs when the individual hairs are robbed of the life giving nourishment from the blood stream, very often traceable to poor circulation in the deeper, underlying layers of the scalp. Another cause is nerve tension, an unhealthy condition of the nerves which form a network around the hair roots and the hair growing cells.

To aid in creating a healthier scalp and to stop falling hair, follow this home treatment. For a period of two weeks shampoo the hair twice a week. Between shampoos massage the scalp every night with the special ointment which you have selected. At the end of two weeks shampoo the hair regularly once every week.

The night before the shampoo, massage a generous amount of that special ointment directly into the scalp. Between shampoos apply a tiny amount of this ointment to the scalp.

Today we know that the structure of the scalp skin is generally like the skin of the body. We know that it is just as important to cleanse the scalp frequently with soap and water as it is to cleanse the body.

Hair Care Rules

Every woman must have her own comb and brush. Cleanse both fre-

quently with warm water and brush.

Combs should have fairly blunt teeth. Steel or wire combs should never be used.

Brushes must have firm bristles, never metal "bristles." Softer bristles are excellent for "polishing" the hair.

Brushing stimulates circulation and cleanses the hair. The hair should be brushed UPWARD and OUTWARD from the scalp. Brushing cannot be overdone.

Hair should be shampooed once a week. If certain conditions exist more frequent washing is necessary.

The best soap is the one of green soap; almond and olive oil or pure castile, in either liquid or cake form.

For shampoos—warm to hot water, rich, soapy lather. Warm to cool water for rinsing. Hand-dry with warm, lintless towels.

Styled in thread—



Drawn-thread work is enjoying a new popularity. Swinging along is the girl in her scarlet rayon crepe frock with three-quarter sleeves—a daisy-dilly utility model. The cuffs yoke showing drawn-thread work is an attractive fashion note for the young girl, combined with dainty fullness in the skirt. Left is a rayon weave pastel suit—also in pleated skirt and a high-bustled jacket entirely worked with drawn threads. Sketch by Virginia.

Nobody Knows Size Of Chinese Army

By Harold Mills
(Associated Press Correspondent)

NANKING, Mar. 15. — China's national army does not know its own strength. That in brief, is one reason, foreign military experts say, why it lost so many battles.

LEFT BANK GAIETY IS DEAD

In the opinion of experts, Montparnasse, centre of prewar Paris Left Bank gaiety, is dead.

Worse than that, according to artists and writers, it has become "bourgeois." The once-Bohemian district on the edge of the Latin Quarter is considered stuffy today.

The Dome, the Rotonde and other famous cafes have changed character. Stolid, middle-aged Parisians and family groups from the country now dine where Ernest Hemingway and bearded painters held court. The once crowded terrace of the Dome is often empty because of the soaring price of drinks.

Post-World War II intellectuals have filtered down the narrow, curving streets from Montparnasse and established themselves in a new quarter. The area, nearer the Seine than Montparnasse, is dominated by the church of St. Germain des Pres, with its medieval tower.

Tradition Lingers

Paris's home and the studio of Raymond Duncan are in the neighborhood. The American writers, Tennessee Williams and Carson McCullers, live near by.

The prewar tradition of long hair, beards and corduroy jackets lingers in the new area. Conservative residents complain about the influx of followers of two new philosophies and aesthetic movements—existentialism and expressionism.

The expressionists also are talking of setting up a night club and are designing a costume supposed to interpret their doctrine of freedom and lack of inhibitions.

Residents Object

The residents of St. Germain are not impressed and say that the groups make too much noise.

Tourists are having a hard time keeping up with which particular cafe is in vogue among the new Bohemians. Before the war Les Deux Magots was popular with writers and artists.

Then they flocked next door to the Flore, and Les Deux Magots became "bourgeois." Many intellectuals are now moving to a tiny bar a few doors away, the Montparnasse. Everybody knows everybody else and it is more like a club than a public bar.

Tourists flock to one cafe and gaze at other tourists, unaware that "the group" has since moved elsewhere.

HOTEL RATES INCREASED

New rates have been posted on staff notice boards in thousands of British hotels. Changes of hours and wages affecting 500,000 waiters, barmaids, porters, chefs, cleaners and kitchen staff have come into force under the Ministry of Labour Catering Wages Act Order.

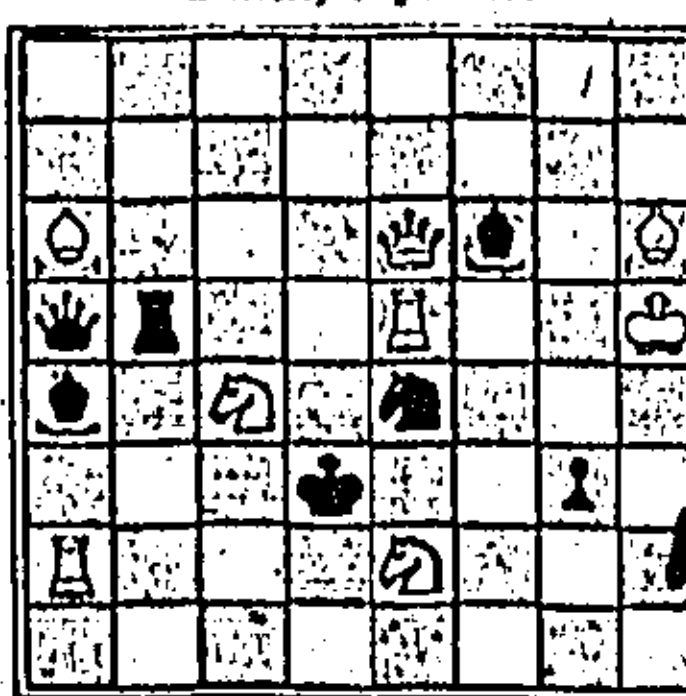
Some hotels are increasing charges by 20 percent to meet the cost. Others already charging 10 percent for service are adding a further 10 percent.

The hours reshuffle to give a 48-hour week affects most chambermaids and waiters. One hotel is having its chambermaids work between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. in relays.

Increase in wages brought the minimum rates for waiters to £5 or £3 13s. plus board and £4 10s. for porters.

CHESS PROBLEM

By W. HEBELT
Black, 7 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-R6. 1... R-K8. BxR8. 2. R-D1. 2... R-R8. (ch); 2... R-R8.

To lack of good leaders which General Marshall described to Congress as defects of Chiang Kai-shek's war machine, these experts add.

Complete lack of administrative systems for informing the commanders day to day on the strength of their men, guns and shells. Almost complete absence such records makes China's army a gigantic mystery even to the men who run it.

Nobody, not even Chiang Kai-shek, knows how many soldiers and officers actually are in the ranks of the nationalist army. The same is true for the number of its rifles, machine-guns, cannon and munitions reserve, its battle and disease casualties.

Wrong By Half Million

No general, regardless of his tactical skill, can hope to win battles without knowing the strength and fighting capabilities of the men under him, foreign experts say. They add that it is unlikely that the Defence Minister himself is able to estimate the actual number of troops of China's fighting troops within half a million men.

The usually accepted figure of regular field troops is 2,500,000 but that number can be wrong by several hundred thousand. Nobody knows because personnel records, even for officers, are largely unknown, the lower echelons of the Chinese Army. There are probably an additional 2,000,000 men under arms in peace preservation troops.

Divisional commanders draw the rations and pay for full divisional strength—or as much of it as higher authority permits. Seldom do such commanders know within 1,000 the exact number of men in their unit. Travelling with the staff of one Chinese division, I received four different figures differing more than 3,000 when I asked about the unit's total strength from various officers. The Chinese Army is so loosely administered that the exact number of its commissioned personnel is known.

Casualty Lists Unknown

The casualty lists—essential to the heads of any successful army—are equally unknown in China. During a visit to one Shantung field hospital where most of the wounded appeared to be "walking patients," the head surgeon explained to me that no attempt was made to report the killed and wounded because "only those casualties who walk reach here. The rest die in the field." Army has incorporated the elementary administration—keeping of records of personnel, supply equipment and casualties records—into the training programme of his new Taiwan infantry divisional training centre. This is one of the first results of the long repeated recommendations of foreign advisors that China's generals cannot fight a successful war unless they know the strength and condition of their own armies.

SID FIELD OFF TO AMERICA

Sid Field is off on a five-week's voyage of discovery to America where he hopes to discover what makes Americans laugh. "I made GI's laugh over here," he said before leaving England in the Queen Mary, "but I believe that a man thinks and behaves differently in his own house."

He is anxious to find out the "dollar possibilities of my humour over there," and plans to do this by mingling with audiences at some of Broadway's big comedy shows.

His tour will take in Hollywood, where he has a date with Bob Hope.



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Ruffing With Top Trumps Keys Slam

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

A FEW weeks ago I went to Pittsburgh to attend the Pennsylvania State tournament. Bert Wilkoff and his committee did a fine job on that tournament, in which they had 132 pairs in the open pair event and 31 teams-of-four.

C. M. Whitehead of Pittsburgh played a very fine hand in the tournament against me. It was rather difficult to get to six hearts on this hand. I believe he and his partner were the only pair in the room who arrived at the small slam contract.

Against six hearts I opened a heart, which Whitehead won in dummy with the queen. He cashed the king of clubs and led a small

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3 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass	
4 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass	
Opening—♥ 6	24

spade, playing the queen from his own hand.

I won this trick with the ace and returned a club, which he trumped in dummy with the ace hearts. Then a small diamond was played to the ace and the five of clubs trumped in dummy with the king of hearts.

Now the seven of hearts was led and won by Whitehead with the nine. He cashed the jack and ten of hearts, picking up the outstanding trumps, and of course the ace-queen-nine of clubs and king of spades were good for the last four tricks.

It was quite unusual to find the ruffing all done with the top cards so that declarer would have a trump entry into his own hand.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the largest city in Africa.
2. What causes the common cold?
3. Why do Cardinals wear red hats?
4. Name the two South American countries that have no sea coasts.
5. Who was the "Snow Baby"?

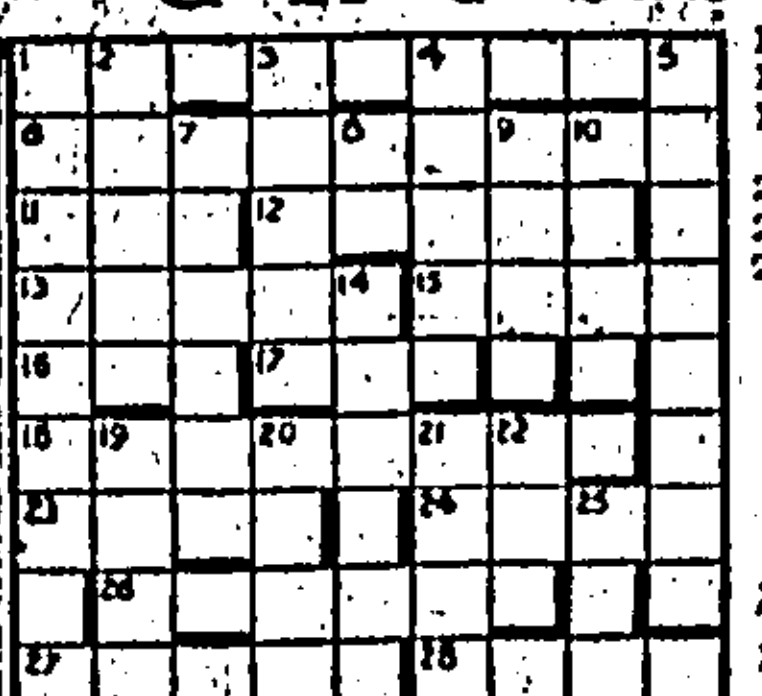
(Answers on Page 4)

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—28



The model plane circles and lands near the two friends and the pilot clambers out. "Hello, Rupert, you again?" cries Golly. "Did you get your Christmas trumpet?" Somebody whistled for me. Who was it? Is anything the matter? What was the corporal of the guard doing down here? He ought to be on duty at Winter Castle. Rupert races towards him waving the silver trumpet, and Algy follows. "Have a look at this," cries the little bear. "Is it really mine?" ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

CROSSWORD



1. It belatedly the ancient. (4)
2. Main. (3)
3. Many a well-known one is looked for by airman. (8)
4. Against. (4)
5. Just that shade of difference. (10)
6. Before time. (1)
7. Not quite straight. (5)
8. Found in the foxglove. (2)
9. Semi-tropical plant. (4)
10. In the schoolboy vernacular. (4)
11. Two men in Roy is clearly seen. (10)
12. Lead face forward. (4)
13. This angel is superior. (4)
14. Slice on toast. (3)
15. Concluded. (2)
16. Solution to yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. (10) 2. (10) 3. (10) 4. (10) 5. (10) 6. (10) 7. (10) 8. (10) 9. (10) 10. (10) 11. (10) 12. (10) 13. (10) 14. (10) 15. (10) 16. (10) 17. (10) 18. (10) 19. (10) 20. (10) 21. (10) 22. (10) 23. (10) 24. (10) 25. (10) 26. (10) 27. (10) 28. (10) 29. (10) 30. (10) 31. (10) 32. (10) 33. (10) 34. (10) 35. (10) 36. (10) 37. (10) 38. (10) 39. (10) 40. (10) 41. (10) 42. (10) 43. (10) 44. (10) 45. (10) 46. (10) 47. (10) 48. (10) 49. (10) 50. (10) 51. (10) 52. (10) 53. (10) 54. (10) 55. (10) 56. (10) 57. (10) 58. (10) 59. (10) 60. (10) 61. (10) 62. (10) 63. (10) 64. (10) 65. (10) 66. (10) 67. (10) 68. (10) 69. (10) 70. (10) 71. (10) 72. (10) 73. (10) 74. (10) 75. (10) 76. (10) 77. (10) 78. (10) 79. (10) 80. (10) 81. (10) 82. (10) 83. (10) 84. (10) 85. (10) 86. (10) 87. (10) 88. (10) 89. (10) 90. (10) 91. (10) 92. (10) 93. (10) 94. (10) 95. (10) 96. (10) 97. (10) 98. (10) 99. (10) 100. (10) 101. (10) 102. (10) 103. (10) 104. (10) 105. (10) 106. (10) 107. 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Post-Mandate Gaoling Of Jewish Terrorists Proposal Stirs Irgun

Jerusalem, Mar. 16.—A declaration that they would spend the rest of their lives "hounding down" the sponsors of a suggestion made in the House of Commons that sentenced Jewish terrorists serve their imprisonment in other parts of the British Commonwealth after the end of the British mandate was made by Jewish terrorists of the Irgun Zvai Leumi tonight.

The terrorist statement, issued in Tel-Aviv, said the suggestion, which was made during the debate on the Palestine Bill in Parliament, was the "most barbaric in British history."

Mr. Reginald M. M. Buller, K. C., winding up for the Opposition during the debate on the Palestine Bill in the House of Commons last Wednesday, asked: "What is the legal position in regard to prisoners? What is to happen to the Jews and Arabs who, within recent months, have been sentenced for crimes of violence against British troops, civilians and property? Some of them may have been given life sentences or long terms of imprisonment."

"On May 15, are they all to be released?"

"Should not there be in this Bill a provision to ensure that they will serve their sentences, if necessary, outside Palestine?"

"Unless we can get some assurances on that important point, a terrorist will know that no matter what sentence of penal servitude a court may impose, he will only have to serve up to May 15," Reuter.

Non-Acceptance By Arabs
Largo Success, Mar. 16.—When the debate on Palestine was resumed in the Security Council today, M. Camille Chamoun, of the Lebanon, told the Council that the Arab countries would never accept measures to implement the partition resolution which they consider unjust and contrary to the Charter.

M. Chamoun argued that, according to the League of Nations Covenant, Palestine automatically becomes an independent country when the mandate ends on May 15. Addressing himself particularly to the United States delegate, he said the Arab countries had had friendly relations with the United States for over a century.

"This friendship and co-operation are now completely jeopardised because Zionist pressure has driven the American administration to follow the line it has taken," he said. Economic transaction between the Arab countries and the United States were also menaced by "the prejudiced attitude of the United States towards Palestine," M. Chamoun declared.

"Today it clearly appears that Palestine bids fair to become a second Korea or another Macedonia, that Greece, Turkey and Iran will be encircled, and that the Middle East, the nerve centre of the world, will thus face the most serious danger of its history."

Recommendations Rejected
The Arab countries are unanimous in rejecting the recommendations of the General Assembly adopted on November 29, 1947, relating to the partition of Palestine.

"They do not recognise the legality of the Commission provided for by these recommendations and irregularly constituted by the General Assembly."

"They will never accept measures destined directly or indirectly to ensure or facilitate the implementation of a resolution which they consider unjust and contrary to the principles of the Charter."

"From Europe to Central Asia, only a few European countries, which can be counted on one's fingers, together with the Middle East, constitute a barrier to invading Communism."

Top-Level Talks In Nanking

Nanking, Mar. 17.—Top-level deliberations, which began yesterday, are expected to continue in an attempt to devise means of stabilising the general living conditions and arrest inflation, informed sources said last night.

In yesterday's talks, sponsored by the Prime Minister, General Chiang Kai-shek, the main participants were Mr. O. K. Yui, Finance Minister; Dr. Chang Kua-ngau, Governor of the Central Bank, and Mr. K. P. Chen, financial expert.

Their immediate aim is to bring relief into the present economic chaos upon the pattern as set forth by President Chiang Kai-shek. A double-edged plan is now under contemplation, providing for:

1. Periodical publication of the note issue to keep the public informed of the actual amount in circulation;

2. Allocation of US\$400,000,000 worth of government-owned assets as a reserve fund to back the currency as issued.

Reviving Confidence

In the first place, as a measure of reviving the people's confidence in the currency, it is considered necessary to reveal the actual amount of the note issue from time to time, as the Government has too often felt that the unofficial estimates of the total amount of paper money in circulation has been exaggerated.

So far, the figure as given by the Prime Minister ranges only somewhere between 30,000,000,000 and 40,000,000,000.

In the second place, it is proposed to set aside US\$400,000,000 worth of Government-owned assets as a currency backing fund, which has been lacking before.

Among these, US\$200,000,000 will come from the principal Government-owned enterprises, such as China Textile Industries and the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, and another US\$50,000,000 from Japanese reparations.

At present, the second alternative seems popularly favoured as shares may be purchased back by the Central Bank as a negotiable medium for currency.—Reuter-AAP.

BAGUIO FOOD CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

Baguio, Mar. 16.—The nine-nation Food and Agricultural Organisation regional conference at Baguio today adjourned one day ahead of schedule after adopting, by five votes against four, a two-year rotation system for the proposed office in South-east Asia.

The rotation proposal was advanced by the United Kingdom and supported by the Philippines and China. The nations voting in favour were China, the Philippines, France, Burma and the United Kingdom.

India, Pakistan, the Netherlands and Siam opposed the proposal.

It was recommended that the location of the regional seat be chosen by member countries by rotation after every two years, and that the FAO Director-General in Washington make the selection of the first seat by June 1.

The draft constitution for the regional office was also adopted unanimously.

An earlier conference decided that while Australia, New Zealand and the United States were not within the area served by the organisation, the association of these governments would be welcomed.

Mr. Harold Vogel, Secretary-General of the FAO Conference, said he believed the rotation proposal would work out successfully.

He told the press today he had received a cable from the Director-General of the FAO in Washington in which the latter said he was highly gratified with the results of the Baguio conference.

Mr. Vogel praised the press for their co-operation and impartial coverage of the conference.—Reuter.

360,000 U.S. Miners Strike

New York, Mar. 16.—About 360,000 miners were on strike in 12 States today, cutting off a daily production of more than 1,800,000 tons of soft coal.

Another 55,000 miners in the open pits of Western Pennsylvania today joined the 210,000 bituminous coal workers called out by Mr. John L. Lewis, the United Mineworkers President, yesterday.

At the same time, more miners from the soft coal fields of the southern States joined the walkout, voted by the Union after mine owners refused to accept a pensions plan of \$100 a month.

In addition, 100,000 meat packing workers, affecting about 140 plants, were also out, pressing demands for an hourly wage increase of 29 cents. A closure of the plants threatens to cut the nation's meat supplies by one half.—Reuter.



"Well, it's rather a long story. You see, for some reason the radio went on the blink last night—and so, for the first time in years, the wife and I just sat and talked. And now she's at her mother's, and I'm staying here at the club."

It's Hard To Tell There's War In Tel-Aviv

To all outward appearances, life in the Jewish section of Tel-Aviv is surprisingly quiet, peaceful and normal, according to Captain Thor Nodeland, pilot of a Branthens Airliner, who spent a day and a night there last week on his way to Hongkong.

"From the newspaper reports, we expected to see fighting and the chaotic conditions of a battle area," he said. "We saw no fighting and 'Tel' looked prosperous and almost peaceful."

En route from Oslo to Hongkong, Capt. Nodeland landed his Sky-master at Lydda Airport, in Arab territory, half way between Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv. At the airport, which is closely guarded by British troops, Arab and Jewish custom officials and airport employees mingle together peacefully.

Only British nationals are restricted to the airport and must stay while in Palestine, at the airport hotel. All other transients or airline passengers are allowed to spend the night or day stopover in Tel-Aviv.

To cross the Arab territory between Lydda and Tel-Aviv, Capt.

CRISIS BREWS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 17.—Mr. Wu Kni-shien, Social Affairs Commissioner, while admitting that the crisis confronting local industries, said today that it would be wrong to place the blame for this situation entirely on the comparatively high workers' wages, or the spectacularly rising cost of living index.

Mr. Wu sounded a note of warning recently that, unless the erratic price situation in Shanghai is brought under control, serious trouble might break out in the city.

Meanwhile, conditions have tended to worsen. A fresh outbreak of labour disputes, centring on wages and reduction or dismissal of workers, necessitated by the partial, or total, suspension of operations in local factories, has been current that many industrial establishments are no longer able to bear the steadily increasing burdens, many may have to close down completely.—Reuter.

Dover-Calais Channel Plan

London, Mar. 16.—British and French engineers and Members of Parliament met in the House of Commons here today to plan a revived campaign for a Channel link linking Dover and Calais.

After the engineers had discussed the technical details of the proposed tunnel, estimated to cost £50,000,000 or £60,000,000, the Parliamentarians agreed to urge their governments to consider the project in connection with any plans for promoting the closer union of their two countries in particular and of Western Europe in general.

The engineers and Parliamentarians passed resolution recording their conclusions. The engineers declared that the construction of the tunnel would now present less technical difficulty than in 1924, when a British Government committee reported that the engineering project was feasible.—Reuter.

BEVIN TO SIGN

Paris, Mar. 16.—Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, will be leaving for Brussels tomorrow to sign the five-power Western Union treaty.—Reuter.

DAB & FLOUNDER... by WALTER



WORLD SPORT:

Grand National Jumps Declared Perfect

Liverpool, Mar. 16.—The world-famous jumps of the Grand National course were officially inspected today, and were found to be satisfactory.

The inspection was made by Major G. E. Cotton, the National Hunt Committee's inspector of courses, accompanied by Sir Kenneth Gibson, clerk of the courses, and Mr. A. R. Topham, manager and secretary of the Liverpool course.

Major Cotton described the going as "perfect." Major Cotton had with him the measurements of the jumps each year since 1914, and found little difference this year. "The jumps are practically the same as they have been for many years," he said.—Reuter.

CURTIS CUP TRIAL
London, Mar. 16.—Fourteen British women golfers, led by Jacqueline Gordon, began a three-day trial today for the Curtis Cup golf team.

Two more trials will be held before the team of six is selected to meet the United States at Birkdale on May 21 and 22.

One will be in Scotland next week, and the last at Birkdale in April.

Miss Gordon was runner-up to Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias of America last year in the British women's golf championship. She is expected to be a member of an all-veteran British team.—Associated Press.

CERASANI DISQUALIFIED
London, Mar. 16.—Italy's Alvaro Cerasani was disqualified in the sixth round of his scheduled eight-round bout against Al. Phillips, former European and British featherweight champion, at Harringay Arena tonight.

Cerasani scaled 120 pounds 12 ounces against Phillips' 129 pounds.—Associated Press.

POINTS DECISION
London, Mar. 16.—Nineteen-year-old Randolph Turpin won a points decision over British middleweight champion Vince Hawkins tonight at Harringay Arena, but the youngster cannot hold the title until he grows up.

Turpin, son of a negro farmer from the West Indies, is not allowed to fight over the regulation 15 rounds of a title contest until he is 21 years' old.

Their contest was over eight rounds, a non-title bout. Both weighed 160 pounds.—Associated Press.

SOCCER PROSPECTS
London, Mar. 16.—The English Football League's skilful, thrustful forward, Line is expected to prove the winning factor against the Scottish League at New Castle on Wednesday.

A forward line composed of Matthews (Blackpool), Harris (Manchester United), Mortensen (Blackpool), Mannion (Middlesbrough) and Finney (Preston North End) looks on paper a goal-scoring outfit good enough to punch holes in any defence.

Scotland, currently in bottom spot in the International championship table, is experimenting in the hope of finding a team to beat England in the international game at Hampden Park on April 10.

England selectors too will be out in force on Wednesday. They will watch Mortensen at centre-forward with special interest, for the Blackpool man looks a good prospect.

OUTWARD MAILS
Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. Mail close 15 minutes. Registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. the previous day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
Closing Times By Air
Canton, Luchow, Kuning, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tientsin, Swatow and Foshan, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Swatow (Sea) 1 p.m.
Amoy (Sea) 1 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Swatow (Sea) 2 p.m.
Manila (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kongmoon (Sea) 5 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).
Manila, 11.30 a.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, London, 1.30 p.m.
Sydney and Auckland, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking and Hongkong, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.
Saigon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung (Sea) 10 a.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta (Sea) Noon.
Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 1 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 3 p.m.
Hollow (Sea) 3 p.m.
Hankow and Peking (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kongmoon (Sea) 5 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Swatow, and Amoy, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi), Johannesburg & Marseilles via Cairo, Augusta and Genoa, 1.30 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 1.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.
Saigon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung (Sea) 10 a.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta (Sea) Noon.
Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 1 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 3 p.m.
Hollow (Sea) 3 p.m.
Hankow and Peking (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kongmoon (Sea) 5 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Swatow, and Amoy, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi), Johannesburg & Marseilles via Cairo, Augusta and Genoa, 1.30 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 1.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.
Saigon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung (Sea) 10 a.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta (Sea) Noon.
Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 1 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 2 p.m.
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Hankow and Peking (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kongmoon (Sea) 5 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Swatow, and Amoy, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi), Johannesburg & Marseilles via Cairo, Augusta and Genoa, 1.30 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 1.30 p.m.
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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers
1. Cairo. 2. The cause has not yet been isolated. 3. They were first conferred by Pope Innocent IV as a symbol of their willingness to shed their blood for Christ and the Church. 4. Bolivia and Paraguay. 5. Marie Peray, so-called because she was born in the Arctic Circle.

ZBW PROGRAMME
H.K.T.
Studio: Children's Half Hour, B.N.C. Transcription, 8.30 a.m. (reg).
Visit the Glasgow Zoo, 9.30 a.m. (reg).
Uster Magazine, 10 a.m. (reg).
West End News, 10.30 a.m. (reg).
Transcription Services: Navy, Mixture Melodies, 7.30 a.m. (reg).
L. Bring You Home News, 9.30 a.m. (reg).
Hearst's "The Story of James Watt," 9.45 a.m. (reg).
Talk by James Stephens, 10 a.m. (reg).
Weather Report, 10.15 a.m. (reg).
Selections from the Opera: 10.30 a.m. (reg).
Dance to Harry James and the Orchestra, 10.50 a.m. (reg).
Epilogue, 11 a.m. (reg).
Close down.

NOTICE
THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.
Notice To Shareholders
NOTICE is hereby given that the forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company, will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

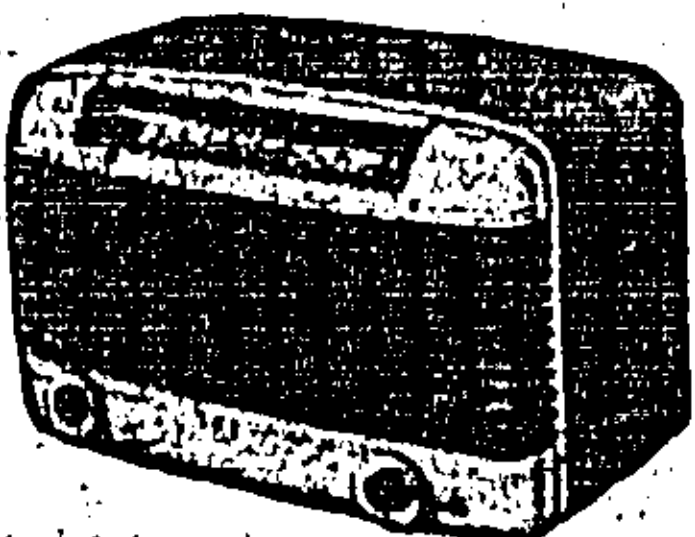
By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

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